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Dear State Employee:

During this holiday season, I hope you will take a few moments to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for.

Everyday, Lt. Governor Steele and I are honored to work with many dedicated, professional State employees. Thanks to you, Maryland is stronger, safer and more beautiful than ever before. To express our appreciation for your hard work, I have declared Friday, December 26th an additional State holiday for this year.

Some State employees, whose job functions require them to work on the 26th of December, will be credited with compensatory time and permitted to use it at a later date. We hope everyone enjoys the additional day off. Thank you for serving Maryland so well.

Best wishes from my family to yours for a safe and happy holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.

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